

**Claude Earl Walker, Esq.**

**Education:** Albany Law School, New York, J.D. 1993.  
State University of New York at Albany, B.A. 1990.

**Attorney General, Virgin Islands Office of the Attorney General**, St. Thomas, VI, Aug. 2015-Dec. 2018. Led a department with a budget of over \$14 million, and more than 150 employees, including 50 attorneys. Managed the following divisions: Civil, Criminal, White Collar Crime & Public Corruption, Medical Malpractice and Risk Unit, Solicitor General, Office of Collective Bargaining, Paternity and Child Support Division, Bureau of Investigation, Medical Examiner's Office, Division of Gaming Enforcement, and Medicaid Fraud Control Unit. Advised the Government of the Virgin Islands in civil cases. Conducted complex investigations. Rendered legal advice to the Governor, executive department heads and executive branch entities. Supervised outside attorneys and other professionals. Served as a board member on the Virgin Islands Port Authority, and chaired the board's finance committee. Appeared often before the Virgin Islands Legislature to give testimony.

**Major Achievements:** Launched important national environmental investigation. Initiated consumer cases involving entities such as automobile makers, automobile airbag maker, and pharmaceutical companies, on behalf of local consumers and obtained landmark settlements for Virgin Islands consumers; Established the Medical Malpractice and Risk Unit; Created the Medicaid Fraud Control Unit; Enlarged the staff of prosecutors and special agents; Increased collections for the Paternity and Child Support Division; and Secured funding to build the first Forensic Laboratory in the Territory.

**Associate Regional Counsel, Litigation, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development**, Atlanta, GA, Oct. 2014-June 2015. Was responsible for the day-to-day operation of the Litigation Unit. Supervised a staff of attorneys and paralegals. Trained staff on trial advocacy and administrative litigation. Prepared legal opinions and responded to FOIA requests. Took enforcement action against violators of various HUD laws such as the Fair Housing Act. Provided advice to the Regional Administrator on personnel and employment matters.

**Senior Legal Counsel/Senior REO Manager, Scotiabank**, St. Thomas, VI, June 2011-Oct. 2014. Created a comprehensive mortgage modification program for distressed, high-risk mortgages. Worked closely with large U.S. mortgage servicer on major issues affecting the bank's portfolio. Instituted new legal billing procedures that saved the bank millions in legal fees with alternative billing arrangements. Managed all foreclosed properties, supervised contractors and real estate agents.

**Prosecutor, Virgin Islands Office of the Attorney General, Virgin Islands, St. Thomas, VI,** Aug. 2007-May 2011. Served as the first-chair attorney for numerous jury trials that ranged from homicide to white collar cases, and obtained a high conviction rate.

**Policy Advisor, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence, Washington, D.C.** July 2004-Feb. 2007. Worked on special projects to combat terrorists financing and money laundering. Acquired a thorough knowledge of anti-money laundering laws and regulations.

**Attorney-Advisor, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Washington, D.C.** Feb. 1997-2004. Served in the Office of Regulatory Enforcement with an emphasis on toxics and pesticides laws and regulations. Successfully tried administrative cases involving violations in these areas. Provided guidance to the regional offices, created the penalty policy manual, and instituted enforcement actions against violators which helped to reduce childhood lead poisoning.

**Assistant Corporation Counsel, City of Newark Law Department, Newark, NJ,** Jan. 1996-Feb. 1997. Engaged in a wide assortment of transactional matters on behalf of the City of Newark. Defended the city in civil cases, which included a robust motions practice, taking depositions and negotiating settlements.

**Assistant Attorney General, Virgin Islands Attorney General's Office, St. Thomas, VI,** Jan. 1994-Sept. 1995. Prepared appellate briefs, and drafted contracts. Represented the government-employer in personnel matters before an employee relations board. Drafted advisory letters to guide governmental agencies.

**Publication:** EPA's Enforcement of the Lead-Based Paint Notification and Disclosure Rule, 8 Buffalo Environmental Law Journal, 65 (Fall 2000).

**Bar Admissions:** U.S. Virgin Islands, District of Columbia, New York, and New Jersey.

